



PTO/SB/21 (08-00)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction act of 1995, no persona are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

## **TRANSMITTAL FORM**

(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)

Total Number of Pages in This Submission 51

<b>TRANSMITTAL FORM</b>		Application Number	10/654,413
(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)		Filing Date	September 3, 2003
		First Named Inventor	Chuck D. Morris
		Group Art Unit	
		Examiner Name	
Total Number of Pages in This Submission	51	Attorney Docket Number	15047US01

**ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)**

<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply <input type="checkbox"/> After Final <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PTO 1449/08A with 5 references <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/Incomplete Application <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53	<input type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (for an Application) <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) ( sheets) <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers <input type="checkbox"/> Petition <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence Address <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund <input type="checkbox"/> CD Number of CD(s) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to Group <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Group (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter <input type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below):
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;">Remarks</div>		



Attorney Docket No. 15047US01

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Attorney Docket No. 15047US01)

In the Application of:

**Chuck D. Morris and  
Garry Graham**

Serial No. **10/654,413**

Filed: **September 3, 2003**

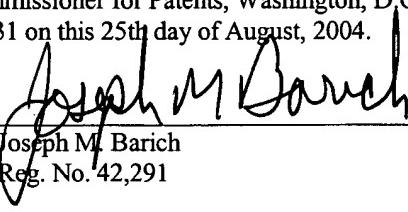
For: **PLAYGROUND  
FOUNDATION  
FORMED OF A  
COMPOSITE  
LAYERED SURFACE**

Examiner:

Group Art Unit: **1772**

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Asst. Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on this 25th day of August, 2004.

By: 

Joseph M. Barich  
Reg. No. 42,291

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97-1.98 and in compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that the following references be considered in the examination of the above-identified patent application:

<u>U.S. PATENT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>INVENTOR(S)</u>
5,958,527	9-28-99	Prévost
6,338,885	1-15-02	Prévost
6,551,689	4-22-03	Prévost

OTHER DOCUMENTS

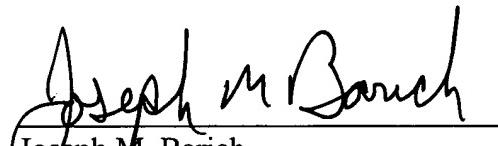
"Turf Wars" by Guy Tridgell, July 30, 2003, Daily Southtown

ASTM Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Playground Equipment for Public Use (Designation F 1487 – 98) / CPSC Handbook for Public Playground Safety (Pub. No. 325)

The above-identified reference(s) are listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. This submission is in no way intended as an admission that the above-cited references constitute prior art. Applicant expressly retains the right to take any actions necessary to remove the above-cited references from the available prior art. Consideration of the above-identified references in the examination of the present patent application is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Account No. 13-0017.

Respectfully submitted,

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Joseph M. Barich  
Registration No. 42,291  
Attorney for Applicant

August 25, 2004  
Date

MCANDREWS, HELD & MALLOY, LTD.  
500 West Madison Street, 34th Floor  
Chicago, Illinois 60661

Telephone: (312) 707-8889  
Facsimile: (312) 707-9155

Form PTO-1449  
(Rev. 8-83)U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.

15047US01

SERIAL NO.

10/654,413

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION  
(Use several sheets if necessary)

## APPLICANT:

Chuck D. Morris and Garry Graham

## FILING DATE

September 3, 2003

## GROUP

ART UNIT:  
1772

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	A	5,958,527	9-28-99	Prévost			
	B	6,338,885	1-15-02	Prévost			
	C	6,551,689	4-22-03	Prévost			
	D						
	E						
	F						
	G						
	H						
	I						

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
							YES	NO

## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	AA	Guy Tridgell, "Turf Wars", Daily Southtown, July 30, 2003
	BB	ASTM Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Playground Equipment for Public Use (Designation F 1487 – 98) / CPSC Handbook for Public Playground Safety (Pub. No. 325)
	CC	

EXAMINER

DATE CONSIDERED

\*EXAMINER: Initial citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.